

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED                         (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION                     (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT                             (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN                                    (Y/N)  
OTHER                                          

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Quality  
2 Subcommittee  
3 Representative Rodriguez, A. M. offered the following:  
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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 414 and 415, insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (1) of section  
8 456.072, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.—

10 (1) The following acts shall constitute grounds for which  
11 the disciplinary actions specified in subsection (2) may be  
12 taken:

13 (k) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation  
14 placed upon a licensee. For purposes of this section, failing to  
15 repay a student loan issued or guaranteed by the state or the  
16 Federal Government in accordance with the terms of the loan is

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17 ~~not or failing to comply with service scholarship obligations~~  
18 ~~shall be considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal~~  
19 ~~obligation, and the minimum disciplinary action imposed shall be~~  
20 ~~a suspension of the license until new payment terms are agreed~~  
21 ~~upon or the scholarship obligation is resumed, followed by~~  
22 ~~probation for the duration of the student loan or remaining~~  
23 ~~scholarship obligation period, and a fine equal to 10 percent of~~  
24 ~~the defaulted loan amount. Fines collected shall be deposited~~  
25 ~~into the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund.~~

26 Section 2. Section 456.0721, Florida Statutes, is  
27 repealed.

28 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 456.074, Florida  
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 456.074 Certain health care practitioners; immediate  
31 suspension of license.-

32 ~~(4) Upon receipt of information that a Florida-licensed~~  
33 ~~health care practitioner has defaulted on a student loan issued~~  
34 ~~or guaranteed by the state or the Federal Government, the~~  
35 ~~department shall notify the licensee by certified mail that he~~  
36 ~~or she shall be subject to immediate suspension of license~~  
37 ~~unless, within 45 days after the date of mailing, the licensee~~  
38 ~~provides proof that new payment terms have been agreed upon by~~  
39 ~~all parties to the loan. The department shall issue an emergency~~  
40 ~~order suspending the license of any licensee who, after 45 days~~  
41 ~~following the date of mailing from the department, has failed to~~

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42 ~~provide such proof. Production of such proof shall not prohibit~~  
43 ~~the department from proceeding with disciplinary action against~~  
44 ~~the licensee pursuant to s. 456.073.~~

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Between lines 23 and 24, insert:

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456.072, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

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repealing s. 456.0721, F.S., relating to health care

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practitioners in default on student loan or scholarship

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obligations; amending s. 456.074, F.S.; conforming provisions to

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changes made by the act; amending s.